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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shunji ARAKI, et al.

Appln. No. 08/934,396

Filed: September 19, 1997

Allowed: October 15, 1999

Batch No.: D10

Group Art Unit: 1713

Examiner: F. Zitomer

For: Rubber Composition And Pneumatic Tire Using Said Rubber Composition

**PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.59 AND MPEP § 724.05
TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION FROM APPLICATION FILE**

BOX ISSUE FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The assignee of the above-named application hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.59 to expunge, from the file of the above-identified application, information contained in the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 1, 1998, under the provisions of MPEP § 724 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

A separate letter submitting the appropriate fee and/or authorizing the charging of our Deposit Account No. 19-4880 for the appropriate fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is submitted herewith in duplicate.

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The facts supporting the instant petition are as follows:

1. On October 1, 1998, a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement submitted in accordance with MPEP § 724 was filed at the direction of and on behalf of the assignee, who is the party in interest in the present application. The Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement was submitted in a sealed envelope, with the appropriate notations and transmittal letter included therewith. Copies of the transmittal letter and the PTO filing receipt which was filed with the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement are provided herewith.

2. The Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement contained proprietary information of the assignee, which information has not been publicly disclosed.

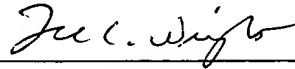
3. The Petitioner represents that the information in the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement will be retained throughout the life of any patent issuing on the subject application.

4. The information contained in the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement was not important to deciding patentability, since the Examiner did not rely on the information and did not cite or otherwise indicate that the information was material to the patentability.

Consequently, given the importance of the confidentiality of the information to the assignee, it is submitted that the need for confidentiality outweighs the importance of having this information in the public file. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement filed

October 1, 1998, be removed from the file of the subject application and be either disposed of or returned to the undersigned at the local address below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the PETITION PURSUANT TO MPEP § 724.05 AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.59 TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION FROM APPLICATION FILE is attached, and any additional fee in connection with this Submission should be charged to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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